

### **Caritas Jerusalem provides Enhanced First Aid Kits to 23 physicians in Gaza**



(Jerusalem – July 26, 2006) – Caritas Jerusalem has completed the distribution of 23 first aid kits to qualified doctors according to a plan formulated in partnership with the Palestinian Ministry of Health (PMOH). Additional requests have been received for ten (10) more of these kits.

Caritas Jerusalem's Gaza Med. Centre Dir., Dr. Bandaly Sayegh (left), delivers an enhanced first aid kit to a Gaza physician. (Photo: Caritas Jerusalem)

Due to the continued bombardment of Gaza, the limited access to medical care and the need to address urgent medical situations through out Gaza, Caritas Jerusalem has provided these kits to allow physicians living in areas where no hospitals are present to offer on-the-spot emergency medical care to the injured in Gaza.

All of the physicians took part in a meeting with the emergency team from the PMOH. The first aid kits were distributed and targeted to areas of intense fighting to the following physicians and regions:

1. Bet Hanoun region
  - a. Zeitoun region – Dr. Muhles Abu Odeh
  - b. Al Burra – Dr. Rushdi Abu Odeh
  - c. Al Haouz – Dr. Mamdouh Al Masri
2. Bet Lahyia region
  - a. As Salateen – Dr. Imad As Sultan
  - b. Al Ataterah – Dr. Jaber Al Atar
  - c. Saknet Gabán – Dr. A'ed Gabán
  - d. Al Manshiyyeh – Dr. Antar Al Habel
3. Al Maslah region – Dr. Raed Abu Mhawei
4. Al Mashruah Bet Lahyia – Dr. Nashat Darwish
5. Jabaliyah City and Camp
  - a. Burj As Sultan – Dr. Hassan As Sultan
  - b. Jabaliyah Center – Dr. Ahmad Shaheen
  - c. Jabaliyah Camp – Dr. Abdel Hay Abu Nadi
  - d. Bir Al Najeh – Dr. Maser Al Samar
  - e. Al Sikkeh – Dr. Suleiman Okashah
  - f. Tel Zatar – Dr. Al'aa Abu Chamar
6. Shijayyeh region – Dr. Izzedine Qanua & Dr. Mahmud As Shamal
7. Zeitoun region
  - a. Zeitoun – Dr. Muhammad Dallul
  - b. Ali ibn Abi Talleb – Dr. Raed Salami
8. Southern Rimal region
  - a. Tel el Hawa – Dr. Bandaly Sayegh
  - b. Naser region – Dr. Mahmud Nofal
  - c. Rimal – Dr. Saed Abu Khumsan
9. Briej Camp – Dr. Juma Khadoura

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Caritas Jerusalem urges for an immediate cessation of violence in Gaza and requests that all parties end attacks and counter attacks so that efforts to restore order, treat the injured and get aid to those in need can take place.

Killing, aggression, hostage taking and efforts to harm a civilian population are wrong and must be condemned in the strongest terms with a view to end them immediately.

Please contact your religious leaders and elected representatives and demand from them to act to ensure that the situation in Palestine, Israel and Lebanon not be allowed to spiral out of control and descend into a deeper abyss of despair, hopelessness and violence. Gaza particularly needs to see an end to violence. –END-

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